

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

(Attorney Docket No. SIR-MIS-00001-US-CIP[3])

IN THE APPLICATION OF:	)		
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McSwiggen <i>et al.</i>	)		
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<b>Serial No.:</b> 10/720,448	)	<b>Examiner:</b>	BOWMAN, Amy
	)		Hudson
<b>Filed:</b> November 24, 2003	)	<b>Group Art Unit:</b>	1635
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<b>Title</b> RNA Interference Mediated	)	<b>Confirmation No.:</b>	4875
Inhibition of Gene Expression	)		
Using Chemically Modified	)		
Short Interfering Nucleic Acid	)		
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

Enclosed is an amendment and response to the Final Office Action mailed December 10, 2009. No fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-4615.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.